

BMC EID Precautions Preparing Laboratory Specimens - PIU

Before entering the isolation area, collect the needed specimen tubes/containers and attach patient labels to them.

Don Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): non sterile long nitrile gloves (1 pair), surgical gloves (1pair), impervious coverall, plastic apron, MaxxAir PAPR and hood, shoe covers.

Additional supplies needed: Clear zip lock specimen bags and absorbent pads.

The Nurse in the patient's room

1. Clean the bedside table with bleach wipes
2. Place the absorbent pad on the table with the absorbent side up
3. Place the zip lock bag and sample tubes on the absorbent pad
4. Verify the patient identification using two identifiers
5. Draw/collect your samples
6. Clean the outside of the tubes/sample containers with bleach wipes
7. Place samples in the clear zip lock bags and seal the bag
8. Clean the outside of the bag with bleach wipes
9. Set the lab bag down on the absorbent pad
10. Clean your outer gloves with bleach wipes
11. Carefully remove your outer gloves using the techniques learned in PPE training.
12. Put on a clean pair of outer gloves.
13. Pick up the bag and prepare to hand off to your buddy in the anteroom.
14. When the buddy is ready to receive the samples, the buddy will open the patient's door
15. Place the samples into the bag that is being held open by the buddy.
16. The buddy will close the patient's door
17. Remove and replace your outer gloves.
18. Continue care of the patient

The Buddy in the Anteroom

1. While the nurse in the patient's room is collecting the samples, the buddy will prepare to receive the samples.
2. Clean a table or work surface with bleach wipes
3. Place an absorbent pad with the absorbent side up on the table or work surface
4. Place the zip lock bag on the absorbent pad and wait for the nurse in the patient's room to be ready to hand off the samples.
5. When the nurse in the patient's room indicates readiness, the buddy will move to the door of the patient's room. Remaining in the anteroom, the buddy will open the door of the room.
6. Pick up the clear zip lock bag and hold it open to allow the nurse in the patient's room to place the first bag into the second bag. Seal up the bag.
7. The buddy will shut the door of the patient's room
8. Clean the outside of the bag with bleach wipes
9. Lay the bag on the absorbent pad
10. Clean your outer gloves with bleach wipes
11. Carefully remove your outer gloves using the techniques learned in PPE training.

12. When the Site Manager indicates he/she is ready to receive the samples, move to the ante space demarcation line and prepare to hand off the samples to the Site Manager.
13. The Site Manager will hold an open plastic container. Place clean sample bag inside the plastic lab container.
14. Clean your outer gloves with bleach wipes
15. Carefully remove your outer gloves using the techniques learned in PPE training.
16. Put on a clean pair of outer gloves
17. Continue with anteroom activities

Site Manager (Working in PPE- gown, 2 pairs gloves, mask, and face shield as needed)

1. The Site Manager will be in PPE as described above
2. The 7W charge nurse will notify the site manager of the arrival of the lab transport staff using Voicera.
3. When ready, open the door to the suite hallway and receive the transport bag from the lab transport staff.
4. Open the transport bag. Remove and open the specimen container. When ready, inform the nurse inside the anteroom.
5. The nurse in the anteroom will place the clean double bagged specimen inside the plastic container.
6. Close the specimen container.
7. Wipe the outside of the container with bleach wipes
8. Place the container in the hard box inside the transport bag and seal it with sealing tape.
9. Wipe the inside of the transport bag with bleach wipes
10. Clean your outer gloves with bleach
11. Carefully remove your outer gloves using the techniques learned in PPE training
12. Put on a clean pair of outer gloves
13. Close the zipper on the transport bag
14. Clean the outside of the transport bag with bleach wipes.
15. Clean your gloves with bleach wipes.
16. Carefully remove your outer gloves using the techniques learned in PPE training.
17. Put on a clean pair of outer gloves

Lab Transport Staff - (No PPE is needed)

1. Two lab transport staff will arrive and inform the unit charge nurse of their arrival. The Site Manager will be informed of the lab transport staff by the charge nurse using Voicera
2. The lab transport staff will wait outside the PIU hallway door.
3. When ready, the Site Manager will indicate readiness to receive the bag and will open the suite hallway door. The Lab transport staff will hand the transport bag to the Site Manager. The site Manager will close the door.
4. When the Site Manager has completed packaging the specimens for transport, he/she will indicate the specimen bag is ready for handoff to the lab personnel.
5. The Site Manager will open the door to the suite hallway and hand off the transport bag to lab transport staff.
6. Lab transport staff will await Public Safety escort.
7. Lab transport staff will transport the samples to the lab receiving area using service elevators to the first floor ED back hallway and proceeding outside via the Shapiro Driveway Ambulance Entrance.